

even though people try to design the system so that people don't have time to talk, there are other ways of finding time to talk. And I want to take the time to tell you what's happened in this area, because it's a long history, and it's a cycle, it's a cycle, and the cycle goes the same way every time, and we need to break out of it one of these years and make government efficient. When people ask you and complain to you, they say, government is so inefficient, why can't you ever make it more efficient. My god, here's something that just cries out for efficiency, just cries out for it, and you can do it, you can do it. You can save yourself \$100,000 and be more efficient right this minute and not hurt a thing, not hurt a thing. Now, Senator Wickersham says these are just statistics, the statistics they're not reliable. Folks, I want to repeat to you, these are the statistics that the district judges have agreed, for a decade, have been the best way, the best formula for figuring it. Five years ago they complained well these statistics aren't fair. Did they change the system? No, they didn't, because after they thought it through again, the formula that they had been using and they continued to use is still a fair one. Does it take into account judicial travel in the bigger districts? Yes, it does. It factors into that formula judicial travel, so to say that it doesn't account for that is not correct. Does it take into account the complexity of cases? No, it doesn't, but you know that works both ways. In fact the major complaint that I heard from the Douglas County senators was that their cases are more complex and they're treated unfairly under the statistics, which means what, that the discrepancy between the underworked and the overworked district is even greater than the statistics show. But the main point is this, that the judges themselves accepted this measure of their performance. And, interestingly enough, if you take this set of statistics, this formula, and compare it just to case filings in the districts, it works out about the same, it works out about the same. Do you know when the last time we redistricted was? Before the 1970 census.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Three decades, and each and every one of you know how each time that census has come through how the population has shifted in this state, 5 and 10 percent shifts a decade from certain areas to other areas. The result of that has been that there are districts out there where the judges aren't working very hard at all, that's the truth of the matter,